

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 15, 28, 29, 43, 54, 55, and 57, cancel claims 59-61, and add claims 62-65, as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving an interest signal indicating an interest in a hyperlink included ~~contained~~ in a first document, the hyperlink referencing a second document;

generating a request for online third-party-provided information about the ~~the~~ second document ~~associated with the hyperlink~~, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a content snippet of the second document ~~[[and is]]~~ provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, and wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document;

receiving the third-party-provided information; and

causing the third-party-provided information to be output in association with the first document.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising logging the interest signal.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises user-related information.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the user-related information comprises query-related information.

5. (Canceled).
6. (Canceled).
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises past-user information.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the past-user information comprises a user-supplied rating of the second document.
9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the past-user information comprises at least one of: a period of linger time, a quantity of repeat visits, a quantity of repeat queries, and a quantity of click-throughs.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a genre of the second document.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a relationship of the first and second documents.
12. (Canceled).
13. (Canceled).

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a query corresponding to the second document.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a comparison between content from the first document ~~associated with the hyperlink~~ and content from the second document.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a cached representation of a previously-available second document.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interest signal comprises an indication of a pointing device hovering over the hyperlink.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interest signal comprises an indication of a right-click of a pointing device on the hyperlink.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information in an overlay.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the overlay comprises a tooltip.

21. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information in a status bar.
22. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information in a right-click menu.
23. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information in a pop-up window.
24. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information in a persistent window.
25. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information with the first document.
26. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein output in association with the first document comprises audibly outputting the third-party-provided information.
27. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein output in association with the first document comprises outputting the third-party-provided information through a haptic device.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein output in association with the first document comprises outputting a hyperlink ~~associated with~~ referencing a third document, the third document comprising the third-party-provided information.

29. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a request for online third-party-provided information about a second document ~~associated with~~ referenced by a hyperlink included ~~contained~~ in a first document, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a content snippet of the second document [[and is]] provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, and wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document;

retrieving the third-party-provided information; and

generating an information signal configured to cause the third-party-provided information to be output in association with the first document.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising logging the request.

31. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises user-related information.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the user-related information comprises query-related information.

33. (Canceled).

34. (Canceled).

35. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises past-user information.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein the past-user information comprises a user-supplied rating of the second document.

37. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein the past-user information comprises at least one of: a period of linger time, a quantity of repeat visits, a quantity of repeat queries, and a quantity of click-throughs.

38. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a genre of the second document.

39. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a relationship of the first and second documents.

40. (Canceled).

41. (Canceled).
42. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a query corresponding to the second document.
43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a comparison between content from the first document ~~associated with the hyperlink~~ and content from the second document.
44. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a cached representation of a previously-available second document.
45. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information in an overlay.
46. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein the overlay comprises a tooltip.
47. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information in a status bar.
48. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information in a right-click menu.

49. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information in a pop-up window.
50. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information in a persistent window.
51. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein output in association with the first document comprises displaying the third-party-provided information with the first document.
52. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein output in association with the first document comprises audibly outputting the third-party-provided information.
53. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein output in association with the first document comprises outputting the third-party-provided information through a haptic device.
54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein output in association with the first document comprises outputting a hyperlink ~~associated with~~ referencing a third document, the third document comprising the third-party-provided information.
55. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising code for:
- receiving an interest signal indicating an interest in a hyperlink included ~~contained~~ in a first document, the hyperlink referencing a second document;

generating a request for online third-party-provided information about the [[a]] second document, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a content snippet of the second document [[and is]] provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document ~~associated with the hyperlink~~, and wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document;

receiving the third-party-provided information; and

causing the third-party-provided information to be output in association with the first document.

56. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 55, further comprising program code for logging the interest signal.

57. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising code for:

receiving a request for online third-party-provided information about a second document ~~associated with~~ referenced by a hyperlink included ~~contained~~ in a first document, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a content snippet of the second document [[and is]] provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, and wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document;

retrieving the third-party-provided information; and

generating an information signal configured to cause the third-party-provided information to be output in association with the first document.

58. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 57, further comprising program code for logging the request.

59. (Canceled).

60. (Canceled).

61. (Canceled).

62. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document sufficient to approximate usefulness of all content in the second document.

63. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document sufficient to approximate usefulness of all content in the second document.

64. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 55, wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document sufficient to approximate usefulness of all content in the second document.

65. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 57, wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document sufficient to approximate usefulness of all content in the second document.